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Ministry of Home Affairs.

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(The file containing the previous reference quoted in the F.R. has been requisitioned from the National Archives of India. and will be put up to A.S.(C) on receipt.)

The whole question is under consideration and the file is at present with A.S.(C). We may send an interim reply to the Govt. of Madras as in the draft put up.

10-8-47

A.V Raman
14.10.47

A.S.(C)
13.X.47

M.B.
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(3) F. 60 amalgamated with file No. 87/2/47-Pub(B)

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The flags referred to in the F.R. were presumably supplied by the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor-General who may kindly see in the first instance and state the name of the firm who made them and also whether it will be possible for the latter to supply similar flags to the Governor of Bihar if ~~required~~ such demands are placed on them in future.

9.10.47.

A V Raman
9.10.47

9.10.47
BMS
9.10.47

AS(C)

P.S to Governor General

Ministry of Home Affairs u/o No. DO 3746/47—Pub(B) dt. 10-10-47

F.R. 10/X/47

D.O. 1357-F.R/47.
10/10/47.

The firm from which car flags were obtained was Ranken & Co., Scindia House, Connaught Circus, New Delhi.

If the Governor's Military Secretary requires further House flags, he should apply to his local ordnance factory.

G. H. Nicholls.

(G.H.Nicholls)
Deputy Private Secretary.
11th October 1947.

Ministry of Home Affairs,

With reference to pencil remarks of A.S(C), informal enquiries were made from the Defence Department as to whether National Flags are available with the local Ordnance Factory but no satisfactory reply could be obtained. An informal enquiry made from Messrs Ranken & Co. shows that they are in a position to supply flags both for car and the House

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House provided sufficient notice is given to them. We may reply to Military Secretary to Governor as in draft put up.

14.10.47.

14.10.47

BJ(C)

Issue as amended. There have been recently a number of loose Hs. re: flags. Please put them all together.

A V Raman

17.10.47

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

I discussed with D.S.(G) who agrees we should issue a reply as in the draft below. The Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations should see before issue.

A V Raman
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
16-10-1947.

D.5198-G/47

M 21/10
AS(E) AS(P&T)
G 20/X 20/X
M. Bose 27/X

Ministry of E.A.&C.R

Ministry of Home Affairs u/o. No. 3839/47-Pub.(B) dated 17/10/1947.

Ministry of E.A.&C.R
(E.A. Wing)

Seen and returned with thanks.

D.4261/47 Pub.(B) 13-11-47
A.S.(G)
29.X.47.
1/5/11/47
Gurbaxi Lal 7.11.47

Ministry of Home affairs
EAER-40 and 5198-G/47 dt 15/11/47

The draft should issue

A V Raman
11.11.47

Reference Post Receipt (Pp 11-12)

~~Draft~~ draft put up of approval.

A V Raman
29.11.47

29.11.47.

29.11.47

S.No( ) Issued

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Reference F.R.

We may reply as in the draft put up for approval.

A V Raman
17.12.47

13.12.47.

BMS
17.12.47

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Ministry of Finance
(Revenue Division)

Subject. Indian National Flag.

Will Ministry of Home Affairs please refer to the concluding sentence of paragraph 3 of their Letter No.87/47 Public (B) dated the 29th July 1947, in which it is stated that the Government of India proposes to keep in stock National Flags at a central store and let this Ministry know whether necessary arrangements in this reppect have been made? If so, the full particulars of the Central Store may be intimated to enable the heads of Departments under this Ministry to obtain the flags.

Sd/- T.S.Ramaswami
Under Secretary to the Government of India.
8.12.47

Ministry of Home Affairs. U.O.
Ministry of Finance (Revenue Division)
U.O.C.No. 443-Admn(Gl.)/47 dated the 6th/9th Decr.47.

Ministry of Home Affairs.

The subject is under consideration and is expected to be decided shortly in our Inter-Ministerial meeting and thereafter Cabinets approval will be obtained.

Sd/- A.V. Raman,
10.12.47.

Ministry of Finance (Rev. Divn).
H.q H.A. u/o No. Dy 4658/47 - Pub. B, dt. 18-12-47.

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CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA.

Forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for disposal.

The communication ~~has~~/has not been acknowledged.

P.N. Krishna Mani
(P.N. Krishna Mani)
Assistant Secretary.

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D. 4615/47 Pub(B)
8-12-47

Ministry of Home Affairs
C.A. U/O No. D. 3926/Cons./47, dt. 3.12.47.

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(Ministry of Home Affairs)

We are not concerned with paras.1 and 2. Para.3 refers to flying of Indian National Flag with which we are concerned. The whole question is still under consideration and it is unlikely that a decision will reach very soon. We may, therefore simply acknowledge the receipt of the letter. A draft is put up for approval.

22.12.47.
22.12.47

A V Raman
26.12.47

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Reference ~~7R~~

As verbally directed by ~~A.S.~~ (C) a draft d.o. letter to Private Secy. to G.G. is put up for approval.

9.12.47.

BMB
9.12.47

D.S(G) agrees to touch a reply

A.V Raman
12.12.47

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~~A.M.O~~ ( ) Issue

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Public(Elections) Department.
No. 3418/47-1.
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D.3745/47-Pub.(B)
8-10-47

From,
K. Ramunni Menon, Esq, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To,
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi,

Dated Fort St. George the 3rd October 1947.

Sir,

Flags - Indian Dominion Flag - Flying of.

I am directed to invite attention to the list of days on which the Union Jack was ordered to be flown on Public Buildings sent by the Home Department of the Government of India with their letter No. F.206/36- Public dated 10th May 1937 and to enquire whether a similar list of days on which the Indian Dominion Flag should be flown has been drawn up and if so, when a copy of it will be forwarded to this Government.

Your obedient servant,
A.E. Abraham
for Chief Secretary.

No. 1950 MS.

Serial No —

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MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR BIHAR

BIHAR GOVERNOR'S CAMP.
Ranchi,
The 3rd October 1947.

D. 3746/47 — Pub (B)
8—10—47

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Ack. rec'd
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Dear Sir,

We are experiencing difficulty in arranging for further supplies of provincial flags that are being flown on H.E. the Governor's residences and cars.

One flag for Government House, Bihar and two small flags for His Excellency's cars were received from His Excellency the Viceroy before the 15th August and every effort to obtain replacements locally has yielded no satisfactory result. In the circumstances I am to request you to be good enough to let me know the name of the firm who made the flags sent to us so that we may arrange for our future supplies with them direct.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

(B.G.Deoskar)
Military Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

Ministry of Home Affairs

File No.
Serial No. (L.)

Letter
Draft Memorandum
Telegram

1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

No. 87/2/47 Pub(B) Dated 9.X.47.

O.M.

Subject:— National Flags - Regulations for use.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this ~~Ministry~~ O.M. of even number, dated the 10th September 1947, on the subject mentioned above and to enquire when a reply thereto may be expected.

Sd/-
for Secy (C)

The Ministry of Commerce.

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Letter
Draft Memorandum
Telegram

1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

No. 87/2/47 Pub(B) Dated 9.X.47

U.O.M.

National Flags - Regulations

Sir,

With your please refer to the Ministry's U.O. reference No. D. 3158/47 Pub(B) of 18-8-47 and let us know when your reply thereto may be expected.

Yours
for Secy. (C)

The Ministry of Labour.

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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE, Ministry of Home Affairs

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Letter
Draft Memorandum
Telegram

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No. 87/2/47-Pub(B) Dated 16.10.47

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Public (Elections) Department.

Subject:- Flying of Indian Dominion Flag.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3418/47-1, dated the 3rd October 1947, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the question as to the days on which the Indian National Flags will be flown on public buildings is under consideration and that further communication will follow as soon as a decision is reached in the matter.

I have etc.

Asst (E)

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Dy. No. 3840/47 - Public.
17-X-47.

No. 9528/34-A-II.
Political and Services Department,
Bombay Castle, 9th October 1947.

From

Sir Ivon Taunton, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India.

Subject:- Flag of the Agent for the Deccan Sardars.

Sir,

I am directed to state that it was the practice for the District Judge, Poona as Agent for the Deccan Sardars to fly a special kind of flag (the Union Viceroy) over his bungalow prior to the advent of Doninion Status. It incorporated a Union Jack and a Crown similar in some ways to the Governor General's or Governor's personal flag. As it was not possible to obtain the orders of the Government of India as to what type of personal flag he should fly on Independence Day, he was instructed to fly the National Flag which he has been doing since. The question as to what type of flag he should fly as Agent to the Deccan Sardars in future has to be dicided. I am to request that the Government of India's orders in the matter may kindly be communicated to this Government at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. Thosar

For Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

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P.L. issue draft reply attached
A.V. Raman
16.10.47

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No.87/2/47-Public(B).
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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From

Rao Sahib A.V.Raman,M.A.,
Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Bombay,
Political & Services Department,
BOMBAY.

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New Delhi-3; the 18th October, 1947.

Subject:- Flag of Agent for Deccan Sardars.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No.9528/34-A-II, dated 7th October, 1947, I am directed to say that the rules etc. regarding the national flag of the Indian Dominion are under consideration. It will take some time to finalize the same. A further communication will be made in due course as soon as the decision will be taken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- A.V. Raman.

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

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=(MS)=17.x.47.

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F.87/2/47-Public (B).

Ministry of Home Affairs,

Government of India,

New Delhi, 3, the 27 October 1947.

To

The Military Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor
of Bihar,
Bihar Governor's Camp, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your d.o.letter No.1950-Ms, dated the 3rd October 1947, regarding National Flags, I am desired to say that the Flags for cars were made by Messrs Ranken & Co., Scindia House, Connaught Circus, New Delhi. ~~who~~ are not in a position to supply the same to you if an order is placed on them.

2. ~~As regards the National Flag for Government House, it is suggested that you should apply to the local ordnance factory.~~ If, however, ~~it is not available there the same can also be had from~~ Messrs. Ranken and Company are prepared to supply any flags urgently you may require if due notice is given to them.

Yours faithfully,

Asstt. Secy. (C)

I am to state that the Govt of India have taken up the question of a central store for stocking national flags. As soon as a decision is reached, you will be informed.

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By Air Mail,

No.D.2592/47-OS.III.,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs and
Commonwealth Relations,
New Delhi, the 30th October, 1947.

From

Rai Sahib P.N.Mahanti, M.A.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To 1. The High Commissioner for India in Australia,
Canberra.
2. The High Commissioner for India in Canada,
Hotel Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada.
3. The High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom
India House, Aldwych, London.

D.4073/47-Pub.B 31-10-47

Rules regarding the proper use of National Flags, etc.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India intend to prescribe rules for the proper use of the Indian National Flag with particular reference to the persons who are entitled to fly the flag, including the occasions on and the objects from which it should be flown. The rules would also include prohibitions against its misuse. Before formulating these rules, they wish to know whether there are any rules or directives on the subject framed by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia / Canada / the United Kingdom. It is requested that enquiries may kindly be made in this matter and such information as is available supplied to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, direct together with a copy of rules, if any, under intimation to this Ministry.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- P.N.Mahanti

Deputy Secretary.

CH.25.10.

No.D.2592/47-OS.III.

Copy forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with reference to their u.o.No.3158/47, Public, dated the 18th September, 1947.

By order,

P.N.Mahanti
Deputy Secretary.

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No. 87/2/47-Pub (B) *Dated* 14.11.47

To.

Maison Giova, Flag Makers,
107, Avenue Malika Nazli,
C A I R O (EGYPT).

Sub: National Flag - Indian Dominion.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd September, 1947 on the above subject, I am directed to say that the details regarding the National Flag of the Indian Dominion are under consideration. Information in respect of the flag will be notified shortly, as soon as this is finalised, through the usual Diplomatic Channels at the

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URGENT.

No.1566/46-A-II.
Political and Services Department,
Bombay Castle, 17th November 1947.

From

Sir Ivon Taunton, CIE., ICS.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

Dy No. 4392/47—Pub(B)
22—11—47

Subject:- National Flags.
Arrangements for a Central Store of --

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to para 3 of Mr. G.V. Bedekar's letter No.87/47-Public(B), dated the 29th July 1947, and to enquire whether the proposed Central Store of National Flags has been since established. Local officers are making demands for the supply of National Flags.

Your obedient servant,

S. S. Shah

For Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

P.S.(G)
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Please reply that the question is under consideration
21/11/47

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

D. 4443/47—Pub.B, 27—11—47

Public (Elections)Department.
No.3418/47-2.

From

K. Ramunni Menon, Esq.,C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to Government of
Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, NEW DELHI.

Dated, Fort St. George, 20th November 47.

Sir,

FLAGS - Indian Dominion Flag
Flying of.

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Ref:- Correspondence ending with Rao Sahib Raman's letter No. 87/2/47-Public(B), dated 16-10-1947.

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I am directed to enquire when the further communication promised in the letter cited may be expected.

Your obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

K.M./20.11.

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No.87/2/47-Public.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

New Delhi, the 4th December 1947.

From

Rao Sahib A.V.Raman, M.A.,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public (Election) Department.

Subject:- Indian National Flag.

Sir,

With reference to you letter No.1566/46-A-II dated the 3418/47-2, dated the 13th November 1947 20th November 1947 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the question is still under consideration and a further communication will follow as soon as a decision is reached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(A.V.Raman)
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

P.C.1.12.

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FROM;-
H. Gresham Carr, M.S.N.R.,
46, Dobell Road, LONDON, S.E.9., ENGLAND.

1st December, 1947.

TO;- The Chief Secretary of the
Governor General of the Dominion of India.

Dy No. 4583/47—Pub. B.
6—12—47

Dear Sir,

As a member of the Society for Nautical Research and a student of flags and flag-lore, I shall be most grateful if you will let me have the undermentioned particulars of certain official flags now in use in the Dominion of India.

(1) The details of the design, proportions and colour of the flag and its charges of the Governor General, also of the flags of the Governors of the various Provinces. Coloured illustrations to scale, if possible, would be most welcome for my records.

(2) Maritime Ensigns. (a) Will the White Ensign still be worn, and what Jack and Pendant will be flown, in vessels of the Naval Forces ?

(b) I presume that the use of the Blue Ensign will be discontinued.

(c) Will Merchant ships wear the new National Flag of the Dominion as an Ensign ?

(d) Will the old flags of the Royal Fleet Auxiliaries and the Indian Army Service Corps be superceded, and if so by what ?

Many thanks in advance for any help you may be able to give me in the matters mentioned above, and also for any other details you may think will be of interest to me.

Yours sincerely,

H. Gresham Carr

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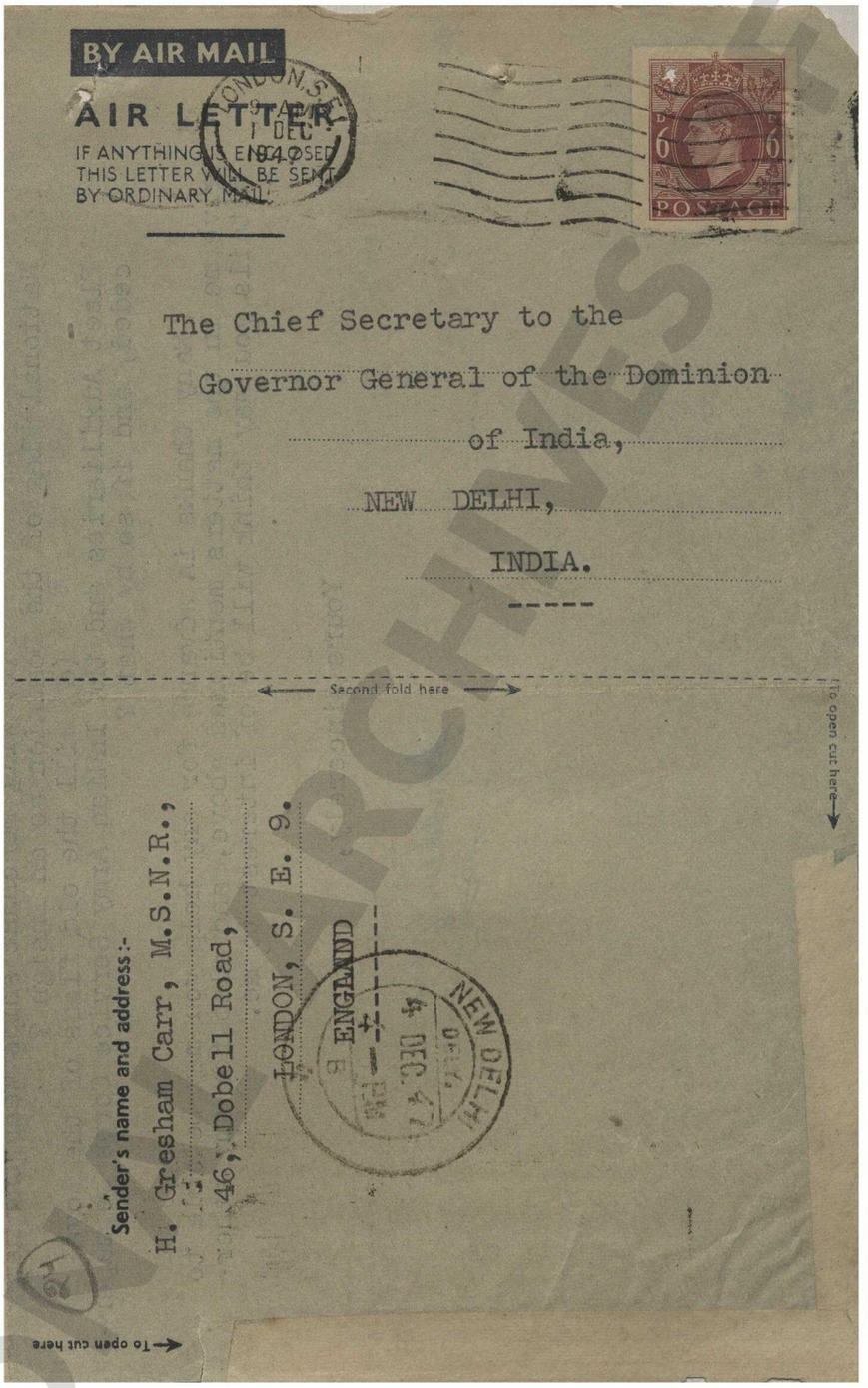


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**DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.** Ministry of Home Affairs.

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No. D. 4583/47-Ind(B) Dated 19.12.47.

2. List of enclosures

To

H. Gresham Carr, Esq., M.S.N.R.,
46 Dobell Road, London S.E.9,
(England)

Subject:- Details of flags now in use in the Dominion of India.

Dear,

With reference to your letter, dated the 15th December 1947, on the subject mentioned above, I am desired to say that the rules, details etc. regarding the National flag of the Dominion of India are under consideration and these will be notified in due course.

It would take some time to finalize the same. Due notification will be made in foreign countries including U.K. through the usual diplomatic channels as soon as a decision is reached. These are now finalised.

Yours faithfully,

ad
A.S. (C)

S. 5. (Large).
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S.R. Narayana Ayyar

Devinilayam, Coonoor,
Nilgiris, 2nd Nov. 47

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA. Recd. on 2 NOV 1947 No. 4624/47 PCA

To
Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly and President of the Congress, New Delhi.

Dear Brother Hindu,

As one who in his name of "An Obscure Hindu" had warned the Hindus seven full years ago in my book "Grave Danger to the Hindus" I am writing this letter. Though it is now some years since I left the Congress on account of its suicidal policy towards the Muslim League, I still consider myself as interested and as patriotic as the best of the Congressmen. It may be egoism but I feel it is true. With this preliminary I wish to draw your attention to the following:-

2. Everywhere you will find, if you make an enquiry, that the local Congressmen are behaving more arrogantly than the British ever did during their undisputed rule over our land. These petty "tin gods" of the Congress are very prominent when Ministers come and in the name of being "friends" of the Congress they are terrorising officials and even the ordinary public. They talk of Khadder but very rarely take steps to introduce Charkas into their localities. If you will kindly make an enquiry and find out how many Charkas have been introduced by these local committees and how much yarn was produced through the efforts of these local men you will find that the Congress men are mere agitators and talkers and not constructive persons. This arrogance and their attempts to pose themselves as "friends" of the Ministers should be put a stop to at once otherwise corruption of the worst kind will ruin our country. There are many other points which I should draw your attention to but I desist from doing so as I know your time is very precious. Seven years ago I drew Gandhiji's attention to this aspect and attitude of Congress men ~~and drew the attention of Gandhiji~~ and he promised to read the portions marked by me in my above said book. But now the position is becoming worse and worse.

3. Now as the President of the Constituent Assembly the following point should be brought to your notice. The Congress flag which was hoisted on the 15th August is being flown by all sundry person in their houses, cars etc. The flags have become discoloured, torn, and invariably it is in a torn condition. There seems to be no rule who can fly the flag and at what time. Even flags flown by the Officials in their offices are not of the proper quality and texture. At least from January onwards a rule must be passed when to fly the flag and who all can

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flyit. It should also be insisted that the flag should be a proper one and not a torn and discoloured one. Cars should not be allowed and also the private parties to fly the flags, measuring beyond a certain size. Big flags can only be flown on ceremonial occasions but official buildings such as the Collectorates and Governors etc may fly the flag as usual. Further if a a book let is written about the flag, the meaning of the clours, and its development just as there are booklets about the Union Jack, it will be useful, As a student I remember I was asked to draw up a flag and how it became a Union Jack etc and this was one of the lessons for which marks were given.

4. My letter has become already too long and hence I stop this with my respects to you.

Yours sincerely,

S. Narayanan

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No. D.4615/47-Pub. (B) Dated 30.12.47

To

S.R. Narayana Ayyar, Esq.,
Devinilayam, Coonoor,
Nilgiris.

Subject: Flying of Indian National Flag - Attitude of Congressmen.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter, dated the 22nd November 1947, on the subject mentioned above, addressed to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly.

Yours faithfully,

A.S. (C).

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Government House.
~~THE VICEROY'S HOUSE.~~
NEW DELHI.

5th December, 1947.

Dy No. 4810/47 — Pub (B)
8—12—47

Forwarded to:- Rao Sahib A.V.Raman,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

For favour of advice as to a reply.

With the compliments of the Private Secretary to the Governor General.

Copy of letter No.P.S.G.5572 dated the 2nd December from Governor's Secretary Bombay to Private Secretary to the Governor General, on the subject of the flying of the Union Jack on certain occasions.

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6/12/47

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D.O. No. P.S.G. 5572

Government House.

Bombay.

2nd December, 1947.

Dear Captain Brockman.

An enquiry has been received from the Honorary Corresponding Secretary, the Royal Empire Society, asking what the present position is in regard to the flying of the Union Jack on particular occasions.

I understand that in a letter No.87/2/47-Pub(B), dated the 24th September 1947, from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political and Services Department, it was stated that the question of framing rules for the flying of flags etc, was under the active consideration of the Government of India. We are not sure if the proposed rules will cover the Union Jack also but, if this is not so, I am to say that His Excellency would be grateful for advice as to what reply should be given to the enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Sd: L.E.BAGSHAWE.

Captain (S) R.V.Brockman, CIE,CBE,RN
Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General,
NEW DELHI.

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To

Capt. R. V. Brockman, C.I.E. O.B.E. R.N.
Private Secretary to H.E. the
Governor General.

Subject:- Flying of the Union Jack on
particular occasions.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 1446/34, dated the 8th December 1947, forwarding a copy of a d/o. letter from Mr. L. E. Bogshawe, Govt. House, Bombay No. 5572 dated 2nd December 1947 on the subject mentioned above, I am desired to say that the question is still under consideration ~~whether the proposed rules to be promulgated~~ framing rules for flying of flags, etc. ~~that reason or framed~~ will also cover ~~the flying of~~ the Union Jack. ~~A reply may be sent on these lines.~~

Yours sincerely,

AR

H.S. (C)

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Ref. Puc

Ministry of Home Affairs.
Public

Please wait till I get Secretary's instructions.

The papers are with him.

Sd. A.V. Raman.
27.2.48.

Resubmitted.

RDS
17/3/48

17/3

The papers are with Secretary. As directed by H.M. a draft Summary for Cabinet has been put up. Only after Cabinet approve our proposals, ~~to~~ instructions will be issued.

A.V.Raman
18.3.48

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**CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA**

Council House,

*New Delhi, the* 27th February 1948.

Subject: Uses and Misuses of the National Flag

Sir,

The enclosed letter from the Private Secretary to the Premier of East Punjab has been acknowledged and is being forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action.

I have, etc. etc.

(DHARAM YASH DEV)
Director of Publicity.

Please wait till I get Secretary's instructions. The Pp. are with him.
27/2/48

Public

Rao Sahib,
A.V.Raman,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

D. 1495/48 Pub.
27-2-48.

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D.O.No.HP/EP/S/I(A)/48.

Camp Jullundur.

2nd February, 1948.

THE PREMIER E. PUNJAB

My dear Yash,

The other day when I was in Delhi you told me that sometime ago you had prepared a note regarding rules that should be observed in connection with the hoisting of flag on official buildings. I would feel grateful if you could send me a copy of that note so that we could issue instructions to our officials in the East Punjab.

Yours sincerely,

Virendra

(Virendra)
Secretary to Premier.

Shri D.Y.Dev,
Director of Publicity,
Constituent Assembly, Council House,
New Delhi.

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Ministry of I. & B

D. No. 924/48-A&B pac

This ~~is intended for~~ Concerns the Ministry of Home Affairs & may be passed on to them for necessary action as they may deem fit.

24.2.48

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Ministry of Home Affairs

Min. of I&B. U.O.No. 924/48-A of 25.2.48.

This will be put up by item 2 of Summary after Cabinet

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Tel 25/2

MRDS 25/2

D. 1486/48-Pub.
dt. 1.3.48.

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Chhaganu Lal Gupta
B. Sc. LL. B.
PLEADER HIGH COURT.

Residence : KUCHA PATI RAM.
Office : DARIBA KALAN.

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DELHI 21.2. 1948.

Deptt. of Info. & B'casting
(Admn. & Gen. Branch)
Dy. No. 924/48-Ag
File No.
Dated 24-2-48.

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24/2

To The Secretary,
The Ministry of Information etc etc
New Delhi

Ref. National Flags hoisting at Govt & Public buildings.

Dear Sir,

In my last letter written on the 1st of this month, I drew your kind attention to the dirty & faded 'National Flags' flying at Govt & Public buildings. No heed seems to have been paid to my request & the flags changed.

On the 17th of this month, while passing through Curzon Road, I noticed the N. Flag flying at the Constitution Club. Should I really mention you how does it look like? It is an eye sore to every eye

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which falls on it. I, therefore, request
the Minister Concerned to kindly
get such flags removed & changed,
so that the Prestige & dignity of the
flag may be maintained.

Thank you very much.

Sorry for the trouble.

Yours Faithfully,

C L Gupta
Pleader.
21.2.48.

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Ministry of Home Affairs.
Public.

Ref. S.Nos. 1-3

We may inform the Provincial Governments that the matter is still under consideration and they will be apprised of the decision as soon as it is arrived at. A draft is put up for approval.

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S.No. 1

No.9528/34-A-II,
Political and Services Department,
Bombay Castle 27th February 1948.

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From

M.D.Bhat,Esquire., C.I.E.,I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

Subject:- Flag of Agent for Deccan Sardars.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with Rao Sahib Raman's letter No.87/2/47-Public(B), dated the 18th October 1947 on the above subject and to enquire when a further communication may be expected.

Your obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

D.V.M.
27.2.48

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S.No.2 (40) D 1621/48 Pub. 24.3.48

No. 9528-A-II,
Political and Services Department,
Bombay Castle, 28th February 1948.

From

M. D. Bhat, Esquire., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

Subject:- Flying of Flags.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to the correspondence resting with Rao Saheb Raman's letter No. 87/2/47-Pub(B), dated the 24th September 1947, on the above subject and to enquire when a further communication may be expected.

Your obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

MDM
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S.No.3

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public (Elections) Department
***
No.3418/47-5.

D. 1889/48—Pl
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From

K. Ramunni Menon, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 6th March 1948.

Sir,

FLAGS - Indian Dominion Flag - Flying of.

Ref: Correspondence ending with Rao Sahib Raman's letter, No.87/2/47-Public, dated December 1947.

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I am directed to enquire when the further communication promised in the letter cited may be expected.

Your most obedient servant,

For CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

D. 2224/48—84
27/3/48

PUBLIC(GENERAL-A)DEPARTMENT
Letter No.6085/47-7.

From

K. Ramunni Menon, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

Fort St.George the 20th March 1948.

Sir,

Sub: FLAGS - Muslim League and Pakistan flags - Hoisting of -
Ref: This Government's letter No.6085/47-2, Public (General-A) dated 30-9-1947 and
Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.85/7/47-Pub.(B) dated 12-1-1948.

I am directed to enquire whether a decision has been reached and if so when it will be communicated.

Your obedient servant,

(M.Gopal Menon)
FOR CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Bhp.20/3.

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Ministry of Home Affairs.
Public.

S. No. 1

A draft letter to the U.P. Govt. is put up for approval.

RDS
25/2/48
BMMS
26.2.48

A V Raman
25/2/48

AS(Pub)

S. No. 2 Issue

Serial Nos. 3-4

Send an interim reply.

Sd. A.V. Raman.

A draft reply is put up for approval.

4.5.48
BMMS
5.5.48

A V Raman
6.5.48

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All Communications to this Office should give the No., Date and Subject of any previous correspondence, and should note the department quoted.

No. 274/III-534(2)/1947

FROM C.W.Longman, Esquire,
Deputy SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
UNITED PROVINCES.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

*Dated* Lucknow, February 18 1948.

Subject:- Flying of the National Flag.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence resting with your telegram no.87/2/47-Public(B), dated January 12, 1948, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to request that this Government may please be informed of any decision since taken in the matter.

General Administration DEPARTMENT

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(C.W.LONGMAN)
Deputy Secretary.

Dy.No.1266/48-Pub.
24-2-48.

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No.F.87/2/47-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 13 ~~February~~ 1948.

To

Deputy Secretary to the Government of the
United Provinces,
General Administration Department,
Lucknow.

Subject:- FLYING OF NATIONAL FLAG.

With reference to your letter No.274/III-534(2)/1947 dated the 18th February 1948 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the instructions regarding flying of Indian National Flag are expected to issue very shortly.

I have etc.,

A.S.(Pb).

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1634/III- REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE RESTING WITH YOUR MINISTRY LETTER F.87/2/47-PUBLIC DATED MARCH ONE 1948 REGARDING FLYING OF NATIONAL FLAG STOP THIS GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR VERY EARLY INSTRUCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT INDIA ON THE SUBJECT

UPAO

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Dated Lucknow, April 30 ,1948.

Not to be telegraphed.

(B.P.Joshi)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
General Administration Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED PROVINCES
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

NO. 1634 (I) | III

Dated L u c k n o w, April 30, 1948.

Copy by post forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, in confirmation of the above telegram.

By Order,

(B.P.Joshi)
Deputy Secretary.

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No.F.87/2/47-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 6 May 1948.

To

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of
the United Provinces,
General Administration Department,
Lucknow.

Subject: Indian National Flag.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram No.1634/III dated the 30th April 1948 on the above subject I am directed to say that ~~the instructions~~ rules etc. regarding ~~the~~ flying of Indian National Flag are ~~likely to issue shortly and the~~ still under consideration. Provincial Government ~~will be addressed in the matter~~ when a decision has been reached in the matter. ~~in due course.~~

and a communication will be addressed to you

I have etc.,

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A.S.(Pb).

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Ministry of Home Affairs.
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Ref. F.R.

A draft reply is put up for approval.

DFA

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A V Raman
7.4.48

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D.1952/48-Pub 15-3-48

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**CHHOTEY LAL JAIN**

Sadar Bazar,
Meerut 27th.Feb.

Public Ministry of Home Affairs 15/3 PMH MRDS 15/3

Dear Prime Minister, National Flag.

You so often mention about the National Flag in your speeches. You are very much concious of the honour of the national flag as every Indian is expected to be. But have you ever thought of the dishonour which knowingly or unknowingly is hurled upon the flag in so many ways all over the country? What a free use of our National Flag in every sort of way. Yow will hand bags, table covers, kerchiefs, caps, shirts, and sarees and what not made of National Flag colours. Is it proper and honourable to the flag ? Further every is out to unfurl the flag regardless of its colours and dimensions. Generally it is to be seen everywhere that the safron colour, used in the flags often varies. Some use deep red, some purple and other orange yellow. You will alsofind the doors and pillars of the buildings painted in the flag's colours. Is it not the misuse and disrespect to the national flag so dear dear and honourable to ~~xxxx~~ everyone in the country. I have also seen, as you must have seen flags flying tattered to pieces. I have seen, as you must have seen, flags flying all white, as the colours used in them were not fast ones and they could stand the ravages of wheather. Lastly I have seen national flags still flying halfmast, even after the mourning period is over, not on the private buildings but on the Govt. Offices also. What a pity. Nowhere in any other country such disrespect is shown in so many ways to its National Flag. Please restore the honour which is due to the National Flag of an Independent Country. I suggest the following with due respect:-

The Govt. must ban the use of National Flag's colours in any other way other than the flag.

The use of the National Flag must be regulated by the Govt.None should be allowed to fly the flag unless so permitted by the Govt.

Even the persons so allowed, must not be allowed to fly the flag daily, except on some important Occassions, specified by the Govt.

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CHHOTEY LAL JAIN

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No private party should be allowed to manufacture the flag for his use or for sale.

The National Flags should be prepared by some agency, authorised by the Govt. for the purpose, and the persons who may be authorised to fly the flags should have their flags supply from this agency, on payment.

The flag should be prepared out of some fine ~~and specified~~ cloth, specially specified for the purpose, and colours used must be fast ones so they may hold on and may not fade out.

I hope you will give your serious thought over this problem of national importance.

With respects.

Yours very truly,

Chhotey Lal

Hon'ble,
Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
York Road,
New Delhi.

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No.F.87/2/47-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 10th April 1948.

AS.PP 9/4

To

Shri Chhotey Lal Jain,

Sadar Bazar, Meerut.

Subject: National Flag.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 27th February 1948 to the Prime Minister of India regarding Indian National Flag and to say that rules and regulations regarding use of Indian National Flag are being ~~framed~~ considered and they will be given wide publicity when ~~completed~~ finalised.

Yours faithfully,

A.S. (Pb).

ISSUED On 12/4. Initial

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Ref. F.R.

A draft reply is put up for approval.

10.4.48.

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A V Raman
13.4.48

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Prime Minister's Secretariat
No. 31/7/48-PM
INDIA

To
The Prime Minister
Govt. of India, New Delhi

Sub: National Flag — misusing of:

D. 2644/48—PM
9—4—48

Dear Sir,

Please excuse me for troubling you in the midst of your heavy work, with this letter of no importance, which I am sending as I could not help.

It has become a common practice of the public the using of India's national flag as they please without least respect to the national flag. The public are found always expressing their patriotism and the respect they have towards Gandhiji and the leaders of the Nation. But I don't understand why they have not the idea in paying due respect to our national flag as a mark of patriotism. Perhaps the people do not understand value of

National flag as people of other nations of the world. Even among the educated people too this mistake is seen.

As the Government have not adopted a definite policy in the use of the national flag and the limitation of its use, the public are taking the advantage in the using of the flag as they please.

Torn and colour faded national flags can be still seen flying in certain buildings in towns and big cities, even in buses and cars. This is a great disgrace for the State. I have very often thought why the Govt have not drawn their attention in this most important matter.

Since August 15th I had found to read in a paper that a European who passed through a big Storm, seeing a colour faded national flag on a building expressed "What a pity it is" to see Indias flags faded.

Every nation regards their National flags with greatest honour. The unauthorised people are not allowed

to use the State flag, even by
Govt officials except those (S4D)
authorized.

There are certain limits in
the using of National flag.
Unless these lawful restrictions
are imposed, it will be great
shame for us to see ~~the flag~~
the misusing of the flag.

So it is humbly requested
that immediate orders should please
be made restricting the use of the
National flag and the misusing
would be treated as great Crimes.

Wish you all success.

I beg to remain
Dear Sir,
Yours most obediently

Chalakudy
25/3/48.

K. A. Thirthan

From:
K. A. Thirthan.
C/o. A. & B. Stores
Chalakudy P.O
Cochin State.

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No.F.87/2/48-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 15 April 1948.

To

Shri K.A. Krishnan,
C/O H.E.B. Stores,
Chalakudy P.O.
Cochin State.

Subject: Indian National Flag.

Dear Sir,,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 25th March 1948 to the Honourable the Prime Minister of the Indian Dominion on the subject mentioned above and to say that the rules etc. regarding the use of Indian National Flag are being framed by the Government of India and the necessary instructions are likely to issue very shortly.

Yours faithfully,

A.S.(Pb.)

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Ministry of Home Affairs.

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A draft reply is put up for approval.

RAS
22.4.48.
BMS
22.4.48
RS(PL)

A V Raman
22/4/48

S. No. 3 Issue

Serial No. 4

A copy of Mr. P.C. Chadha's letter regarding National Flag was received here separately and has already been acknowledged. No action.

RAS
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A V Raman

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D.2699/48-PA
12-4-48

Dr. Rajinder Parshad,
President, All India Congress Commitee
Wardha.

Sir,

Subject:- National Flags.

May I respectfully point out that most of the National flags hoisted on Government offices, Police stations and cars etc. are found in a hopelessly wretched condition. They look old, faded and whithered in many cases. On several Police stations, I have seen old and dirty flags simply tied on to an old and rough bamboo stick. The sight of such dirty flags do not create a sense of pride and honour and cause to lower the spirits of the people and sometimes one feels even humiliated. Must all flags not be in sound condition majestically new and bright with a well polished suitable flag staff.

Should not the use of old and dirty flags be declared an offence. If the Government's excuse be that they are too busy to attend to such "small affairs", I hereby offer myself and undertake to supply suitable flags etc. and look after them provided this whole job is entrusted to me on an All India basis. Having been in Japan during 1936-39, I know how flags should be. The colours must be such which can resist sun and rain,

If however, the Government feel that my criticisim is meant purely to secure this job, this will simply be misunderstanding me and in such a case, I shall be glad if this work is assigned to any other suitable person. My offer contains both spirit of service as well as a means of livelihood for a refugee unsettled as I am. However, my first concern is that all flags especially on Govt; buildings must be sound and majestic.

If you please feel interested in my representation, would you kindly convey my offer and suggestions to those at the helm of Govt; affairs.

Begging to be excused for having encroached upon your valuable time. With respects and regards, I am

Yours most Sincerely

P. C. Chadha

Dehli.
3.4.48.

PRITHVI CHAND CHADHA
Anand Parbat. Hut No. 4
Karol Bagh. Dehli.

Copy to Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, New Dehli.

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21-4-48

Honourable Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru
New Dehli.

Sir,

Subject:- National Flags.

A few days ago, I addressed a letter to your goodself informing therein that old and dirty flags are flying on Govt; buildings etc. without being realised by the Government what harmful amd poor impressions such careless and lazy actions throw on public spirit who have a sense to realise all this. This must notbe allowed and the use of old, dirty and worn out flags should be made an offence.

In my letter, I suggested that if the Govt; be too busy in other affairs to attend to such "small matters" I could offer myself to look after this whole affair. My proposal is to keep a regular stock ofthese flags in all the standard sizes together with a stock of well polished flag staffs. My request is that I be appointed the Sole Supplier and care-taker of these flags to be sold by me to all Govt; offices both civil and military throughout the country. I have a special experience in this line having been in Japan for three years from 1936 to 1939. Now I am a refugee from Rawalpindi and the Govt; can rehabilitate me in the way suggested herein.

I have no receommendations to bring nor I have any relative in the secretariat to introduce me to others. I am all alone and stand on merits with a sound and useful proposal. I shall be obliged to know whether there is any chance for me or I must knock from door to door.

Begging to be excused and awaiting the favour of a reply at your convenience, I am

Yours most Sincerely

P. C. Chadha

Dehli.
14.4.48.

PRITHVI CHAND CHADHA
Anand Parbat. Hut No. 4
Karol Bagh. Dehli.

Copy to Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. New Dehli.

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No.F.87/2/47-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 23 April 1948.

To

Shri Prithvi Chand Chadha,
Anand Parbat. Hut No.4,
Karol Bagh, Delhi.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsements dated the 3rd and 14th April 1948 regarding Indian National Flag, I am directed to say that the question of framing rules and regulations for flying of National Flag are under active consideration of the Government of India, and they will be given wide publicity when finalised.

I have etc.,

A.S.(Pb).

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By order etc.,

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1-5-46

Madan Lal Mehta

(Madan Lal Mehta)
Asstt. Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

P.M.S.2-A.

3,000-10-10-47-
V.T.M.D.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Prime Minister's Secretariat.

No. D.4724-PS/48 April, 8

New Delhi ..... 194 .

Dear Sir,

I am desired by the Prime Minister to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14-4-48

2. The communication has been passed on to Ministry of Home Affairs

Yours truly,

(Madan Lal Mehta)
Asstt. Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

To Shri Prithvi Chand Chadha,
Anand Parbat, Hut No. 4,
Karol Bagh, DELHI.

Copy .....

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Prime Minister's Secretariat
14 APR 1948
No. 4.7.24-PM/48
INDIA

Honourable Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru
New Dehli.

Sir,

Subject:- National Flags.

A few days ago, I addressed a letter to your goodself informing therein that old and dirty flags are flying on Govt; buildings etc. without being realised by the Government what harmful amd poor impressions such careless and lazy actions throw on public spirit who have a sense to realise all this. This must not be allowed and the use of old, dirty and worn out flags should be made an offence.

In my letter, I suggested that if the Govt; be too busy in other affairs to attend to such "small matters" I could offer myself to look after this whole affair. My proposal is to keep a regular stock of these flags in all the standard sizes together with a stock of well polished flag staffs. My request is that I be appointed the Sole Supplier and care-taker of these flags to be sold by me to all Govt; offices both civil and military throughout the country. I have a special experience in this line having been in Japan for three years from 1936 to 1939. Now I am a refugee from Rawalpindi and the Govt; can rehabilitate me in the way suggested herein.

I have no receommendations to bring nor I have any relative in the secretariat to introduce me to others. I am all alone and stand on merits with a sound and useful proposal. I shall be obliged to know whether there is any chance for me or I must knock from door to door.

Begging to be excused and awaiting the favour of a reply at your convenience, I am

Yours most Sincerely

Dehli.
14.4.48.

P. C. Chadha.

PRITHVI CHAND CHADHA
Anand Parbat. Hut No. 4
Karol Bagh. Dehli.

Home Dept. 15/4

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Ministry of Home Affairs.

Ref. F. Rs.

The previous references quoted in the F.Rs. are contained in our File No.F.87/2/47-Public (B) which is with Secretary. The F.Rs. will be dealt with on return of that file.

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A V Raman
22.4.48

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No. 1316 P.G.

Government of Bihar,
Political Department.

D. 2642/48 Pol
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From

Mr. B. N. Sinha,
Addl. Under Secretary to Government,

To

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Patna, the 3rd April, 1948.

Subject :- Ban on display of the national flag by private individuals except on special occasions.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the corespondence resting with your telegram dated the 13th January 1948 on the above subject and to enquire when the decision of the Government of India may be expected.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. N. Sinha
3/4/48

Addl. Under Secretary to Govt.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public (Elections) Department
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No.3418/47--6.

D.285/48-P4
19-4-48

From

K. Ramunni Menon Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 12th April 1948.

Sir,

Flags - Indian Dominion Flag - Flying of.

Ref: Correspondence ending with Rao Sahib Raman's letter No.87/2/47, Public, dated December 1947 and this Government's reminders dated the 2nd February 1948 and the 6th March 1948.

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I am directed to enquire when the further communication promised in the Government of India's letter cited may be expected.

Your obedient servant,

for CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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Ministry of Home Affairs.
Public
Ref. F.R.

A draft reply is put up for approval.

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A V Ramani
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CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA

Council House,
New Delhi, 10th April, 1948.

Subject: Letter from the Secretary, Indian Community, Port Sudan, d/-1.4.48.

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Forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt.of India for disposal.

The communication has not been acknowledged.

(K.V.PADMANABHAN)
UNDER SECRETARY.

Constituent Assembly u/o No.CA/48/Pub/RR/47
dated 10th April,1948.

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CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
Dy. No. 620
Date
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Sr. No 62

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# INDIAN COMMUNITY

## PORT SUDAN

P. O. Box No. 136

PHONE No.

PORT SUDAN, 1st April 1948. 194

RED SEA

The Director of Publicity.,
Constituent Assembly,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Since the 15th August last, I have been making frequent inquiries through commercial firms in India for supply of new Indian National Flags required here by Indian Community and other Indian institutions but We have not been able hitherto to receive correct type of National flag.

I shall therefore feel it much obliged if you would be kind enough to put me ~~xixh~~ ~~in~~ ~~connection~~ with authorised connection where I can get correct type of flags in colour, design and material.

As an Indian Citizen, I feel it my duty to take this opportunity to draw your attention to unauthorised dealers of Ntional flags in India who, in complete desregard of official version, are preparing and selling flags which have nothing in common with colour and design. This is born out of my own experience and I felt it seriously. However, I trust that the authorities concerned will move to direct the dealers and the public in strict terms.

Excusing for the trouble,

Yours faithfully,

(Kantilal M.Parekh)
SECRETARY.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
Date 7/4
Dy. No. 2047-RR
File No.
OF INDIA.

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No.F.87/2/47-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 11 April 1948.

To

Shri Kantilal M. Parekh,
Secretary,
Indian Community, Port Sudan P.O.Box. 136
Red Sea.

Subject: Indian National Flag.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 1st April 1948 to the Director of Publicity, Constituent Assembly of India, I am directed to say that the question of framing rules and regulations in respect of Indian National Flag and the supply of the flags through some Central Agencies is under ~~active~~ consideration of the Government of India. These rules etc. when finalised will be given wide publicity.

I have etc.,

A.S.(Pb).

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Ministry of Home Affairs.

Public Ref. F.R.

Reply that matter still under consideration.

Sd. A.V. Raman.
29.4.48.

A draft is put up for approval.

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RAS
30.4.48.

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30.4.48

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A/Raman
30.4.48

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## Government of West Bengal

Home (Political) Department

D. 3190/48-Ph
30-4-48

From : Sri Ranjit Ghosh,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.

To : The Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India, in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

No.....2376-P....., dated Calcutta, the.....26th April,.....1948.

Subject : Hoisting of National Flags - Government Buildings - occasions.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 87/2/47-Public, dated the 14th February, 1948 on the above subject and to say that the Provincial Government will be glad to be informed of the decision of the Government of India in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R Ghosh
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Under Secy. to the Govt. of
West Bengal.

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No.F.87/2/47-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 3 May 1948.

To

The Under Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,

Home (Political) Department,

Calcutta.

Subject: Hoisting of National Flag-
Government Buildings-
Occasions-

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.2376-P, dated the 26th April 1948 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the matter is still under consideration and that the Provl. Govt will be informed of the decision as soon as it is reached.

I have etc.,

A.S.(Pb).

ISSUED On 3/5 Initial P.I.A

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Ministry of Home Affairs.

Public

F.R.

In the absence of the main file (87/2/47-Public) which contains the previous reference quoted in the F.R. and which is at present with Secretary, the F.R. cannot be replied to. The return of the file may be awaited.

RDS
29.4.48

BNR
29.4.48

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30.4.48

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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27-4-48

Public (Political) Department.
No.4492/48-4.

From

K. Ramunni Menon, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, NEW DELHI.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 21st April 1948.

Sir,

SUB:--Flags - National - Flying of - Governor's residences.

REF:--Letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.87/2/47-Public, dated 14th February 1948.

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I am directed to enquire when the instructions regarding flying of national flags on the Governor's residence promised in paragraph 2 of the letter cited may be expected.

Your obedient servant,

D Gopal Menon

For CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

BGK.

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Ministry of Home Affairs.
Public

A draft reply is submitted.

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A V Raman
21/5/48

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D. 3686/48—Pu 20/5/48

Government of India.

No. D. 5046-Pu/47 Ministry of E.A. & C.R. ~~DEPARTMENT.~~

Dated the 18th. May 1948.

Subject:— Sizes of flags to be used by Indian missions and consuls abroad.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the communication noted in the margin and to request ~~that the return of the file be expedited~~ the favour of an early reply.

No. D. 5046-Pu/47, dated 20.12.47

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for Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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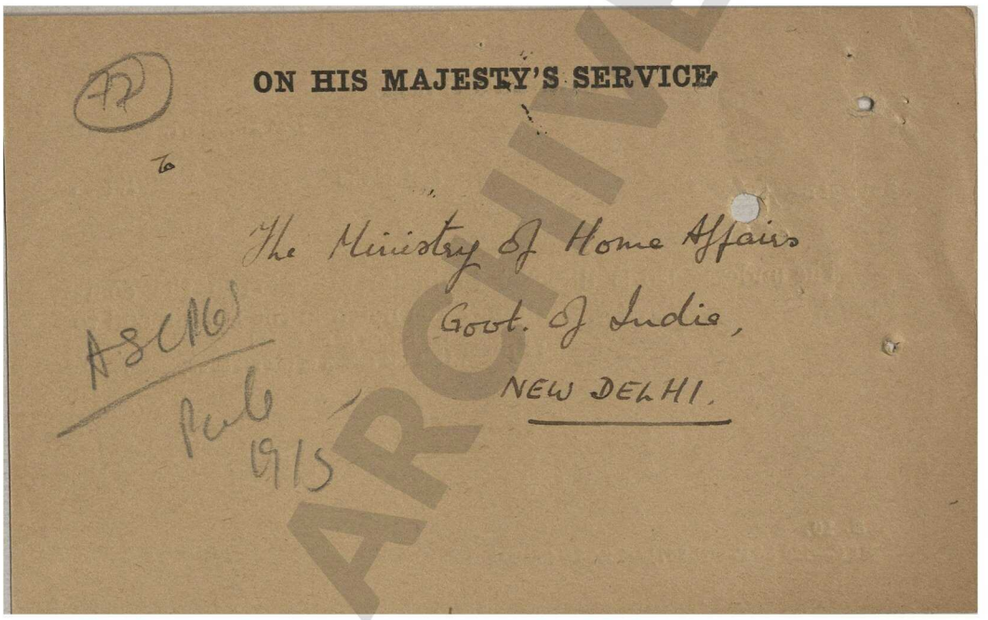

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To

The Ministry of Home Affairs
Govt. of India,
NEW DELHI.

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No.F.87/2/47-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 24th May 1948.

Memorandum.

With reference to the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations' communication No.D.5046-Pt/47, dated the 18th May 1948 regarding sizes of Indian National Flag, the undersigned is directed to say that the matter is still under consideration. The Ministry of E.A. and C.R. will no doubt be informed of the decision as soon as arrived at.

A.S.(Pb).

To

The Ministry of E.A. and C.R.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
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The Arab question is still under consideration and the file on the subject is at present with Secy. An interim reply may therefore be sent as in the draft put up

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No.A-2-76/48. Mercara, the ~~14th~~ 15th May, 1948.

From - The Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

To - The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi-3.

Subject:- Flags and Flagstaffs - flying of flags - places and occasions.

D.3709/48—Pk
21—5—48

Sir,

Please refer to letter No.F.206/36-Public, dated the 10th May, 1937, from the Government of India, Home Department.

2. The following is the list of special anniversaries on which flags are being flown on Government buildings:

1. New Year's Day (1st January)
2. Birthday of Princes Elizabeth (21st April)
3. Empire Day (24th May)
4. Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary (26th May)
5. Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen (4th August)
6. Armistice Day (11th November)
7. Anniversary of His Majesty's Accession (11th December)
8. His Majesty's Birthday (14th December).

Also on any day appointed for the official celebration of His Majesty's Birthday.

3. Please let me know whether the flags (Indian National Flag) should be flown on Government buildings on the days mentioned in paragraph 2 above and also the other occasions when the flags should be flown.

for Chief Commissioner.

13/5/48

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Public (Elections) Department.
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No.3418/47-7.

D.3504/48-Pl 24-5-48

From
K. Ramunni Menon, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 18th May 1948.

Sir,

Flags - Indian Dominion Flag - Flying of.

Ref:- Correspondence ending with Sri Rao Sahib Raman's letter No.87/2/47-Public, dated December 1947 and this Government's reminder dated 2-2-48, 6-3-48 and 12-4-1948.

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I am directed to enquire when the further communication promised in the Government of India's letter cited may be expected.

Your obedient servant,
for Chief Secretary to Government.

K.M./18-5.

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**DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.**

Ministry of Home Affairs.

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No. 41/48 Pol. Dated 3/6/48

To

The Chief Commissioner of Coorg

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bhopal.

Subject:— Flag — Indian National — Flying of.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. A-2-76/48, dated the 15th May 1948 / No. 3418/47-7 dated the 18th May 1948, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the matter is still under consideration. A further communication will be sent as soon as a decision is reached.

I have etc.,

Sd/-

Asst. (Pol.)

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Ref. F.R.

AFA

A draft reply is put up for approval.

9.6.48

A.S. (Ple)

A V Raman
15.6.48

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# INDIAN STANDARDS INSTITUTION

Grams : Indstand New Delhi • Phone : 7046/268 • P Block

Raisina Road

New Delhi

Our Ref : Tex-5(4)/48.

Your Ref :

, the 15th May 1948.

Subject : National Flag of India.

D.3621/48-14
18-5-48

The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

The Indian Standards Institution has been entrusted with the standardization of National Flag of India. Before the work could be taken up by the ISI, the G.H.Q. specifications on the subject and other information regarding fabrication of the flag were obtained. The Secretary to the Constituent Assembly of India was also approached and copies of the Resolution and Report of the proceedings in the Assembly relating to the Resolution have been obtained.

2. I am now in need of instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the manner of flying the flag.

3. The following sizes are given in the C.F.S. drawing No. 34-Flag, National, India, drawn by the G.H.Q.:-

(1) 21' x 10½'
(2) 12' x 6'
(3) 6' x 4'
(4) 6' x 3'
(5) 3' x 2'
(6) 9" x 6" (Motor Car)

This indicates that Flags having different dimensions and proportions are meant for different posts, i.e., Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Navy, Indian Embassies, Government Offices, public buildings, private houses, Indian States etc. It is believed that there might be a schedule indicating that a flag of particular size should be flown on particular ~~buildings~~, vessels, private homes, public buildings etc.

4. If you have such a schedule, I shall be obliged if you will send it, or any other literature on the subject, to me at an

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early date. Otherwise, please let me know the source from where this information can be obtained.

5. As to the manner of flying the flag on different posts, namely; Army, Navy, Air Force, Secretariats, Embassies, private buildings etc., I would request you to let me have full information.

6. Any other information that may be deemed to be useful to the Institution in its work for standardization of the Flag may also be supplied to this Office.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(C.P. Halkatti)
Assistant Director.

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# INDIAN STANDARDS INSTITUTION

Grams : Indstand
New Delhi
Phones : 2623
7046/268
P BLOCK
RAISINA ROAD
NEW DELHI

Our Ref : Tex-5(4)/48.
Your Ref :

, 4th June, 1948.

Subject : National Flag of India.

D.150-4238/48-Public.
Dt 9-6-48.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to our letter of even number dated the 15th May, 1948, on the above subject, and expedite your reply.

Yours faithfully,

for Assistant Director.

KL.

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No.D.3621/48-Public.
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
New Delhi, the 17th June 1948.

To

The Assistant Director,
Indian Standard Institution,
P. Block, Raisina Road, New Delhi.

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On 16/6
Case No. 1260
Typed by
Compared by

Subject: Indian National Flag.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.Tex-5(4)/48, dated the 15th May 1948 on the above subject, I am directed to say that the rules regarding National Flag, its use and other details of the Flag are being worked out and will be given wide publicity when finalised.

I have etc.,

A.S.(Pb).

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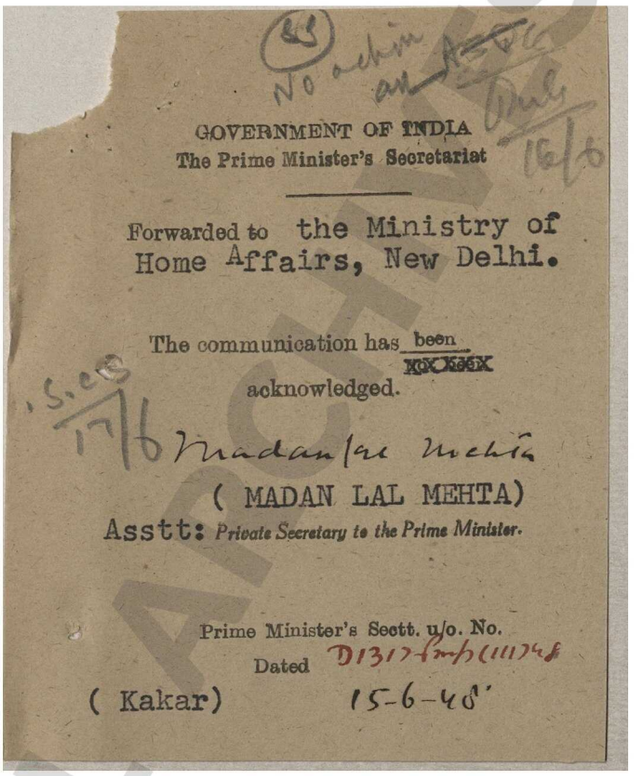

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
The Prime Minister's Secretariat

Forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

The communication has been ~~XXXXXX~~ acknowledged.

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Madan Lal Mehta

( MADAN LAL MEHTA)
Asstt: *Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.*

Prime Minister's Sectt. u/o. No. D1317-Pmh(111)48
Dated 15-6-48

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From:-
M. C. Dutt.
13 Dalimtolla Lane.
CALCUTTA.

8th June 1948.

Prime Minister's Secretariat
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INDIA

To.
The Hon'ble Pndt. Jawhar Lall Neheru. Esq;
Chief Minister.
Government Of India.

D. 4433/48-PM.
17-6-48

New Delhi.

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Respected Sir,

Here I am to point out the careless attitude of the people towards our NATIONAL FLAG. I have noticed in the Picture Houses that the picture goers do not pay any respect to the Natioanl flag when shown on th screen. I should immagine my Hon'ble Minister had no chance to notice this type of incident. However I like to suggest to your Honour that all local (provincial) Governments should pay necessary attention to this matter. If the value of the flag is not injected in the mind of every man in India I can assure you the whole thing will even the administration will break down in the near future. If there is no ideal before common men they are bound to move astray. National flag is the only attraction and inspiration which will unite all Indians together, in the evil and good of the country. It would be better if you please deliver a speech in this connection. I know people will follow you as I do. I had seen in the past how other nataionals show respect to their respective flags. I am just back from U.K. to my Free Mother-Land. I can not stand any disrespect to my national symbols and do not like to see foreigners smiling at the sense of our low respect to our own country and men and national symbols. It may be well to mention that all Picture House in India whether English or Indian should show the National Flag at the end every show and every men in the house should stand still till it is shown. If it is necessary the picturehouses may be advised not to open the doors (Exit) untill this part of th performance is over.

I am sorry I am to take some part of your busy hours for a matter which should have been handled by all responsible officers of the Government and educated citizens of this country.

I beg to remain.
Your obedient servant,
(M. C. Dutt.)

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